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The state park master plan is a multi-purpose document used in long-range development, operation and fiscal planning. It sets forth and forms the basis from which detailed plans and specifications for actual park development and operations are prepared. Through the public participation process utilized in its development, a master plan also helps the agency understand people's concerns and expectations; obtain needed information, identify potential controversy and improve decision-making.

The intent of a master plan is to provide a flexible guideline that is able to accommodate unanticipated events and pressures that will undoubtedly surface over the document's 20-year life span.

State Park Master Plan Guidelines were developed to ensure consistency of content and format in all park master plans within the Idaho State Park system.

The participants and responsible parties involved in the planning process are identified in the Master Plan Guidelines. The prioritization criteria utilized to determine the sequence in which master plans will be produced and the process necessary to produce a master plan are also outlined. It is intended that the guidelines be specific enough to allow production of a master plan document by a consultant, with minimal supervision staff.

A copy of the most recent Master Plan Guidelines is available on the IDPR website or from Development Bureau planning staff.